IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS WESTERN DIVISION

MCKINSEY PIGGEE, JR. AND EARLINE PIGGEE

PLAINTIFFS

V.

NO. 4:07CV00605

PATTERSON MEDICAL HOLDINGS, INC.; ITO CO., LTD.; JOHN DOE I; JOHN DOE II; AND JOHN DOE III

DEFENDANTS

BAPTIST HEALTH d/b/a BAPTIST HEALTH THERAPY CENTER; AND TOD DALBY

THIRD PARTY DEFENDANTS

ORDER

Pending are Plaintiffs' motions in limine. (Docket #'s 83 and 84). Plaintiffs' first motion, docket # 83, requests that the Court preclude the admission of evidence or testimony relating to the following: (1) social security benefits received by McKinsey Piggee, (2) the possible retirement of Earlene Piggee, (3) Mr. Piggee's sick leave, (4) a bankruptcy in 2005, (5) attorneys used by Mr. Piggee in the past, (6) a divorce action and materials related thereto, and (7) traffic violations. Defendants argue that evidence relating to the fact that Mr. Piggee has been deemed disabled by the Social Security Administration for purposes of receiving disability benefits, for reasons unrelated to this incident, is relevant and admissible. Otherwise, the Defendants do not object to the remaining portions of Plaintiffs' motion, unless developments at trial "open the door" to the admissibility of the topics.

The Court will make a determination of the admissibility of evidence and testimony relating to any social security benefits received by Mr. Piggee at the time of trial. The relevance, if any, of this information is directly related to the damages claimed and theories of liability

argued by Plaintiffs. The remainder of Plaintiffs' motion in limine, docket # 83, is granted. If circumstances arise during the trial which Defendants argue would make the precluded topics relevant, the Defendants should advise the Court at that time.

Plaintiffs' second motion in limine, docket # 84, requests the preclusion of certain information relating to Earlene Piggee. Defendants do not object to the motion unless circumstances arise at trial which "opens the door" to the admissibility of the information.

Accordingly, Plaintiffs' motion in limine, docket # 84 is granted. If circumstances arise during the trial which Defendants argue would make the precluded topics relevant the Defendants should advise the Court at that time.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 26th day of September, 2008.

James M. Moody

United States District Judge

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